

(Added Pub. L. 107-210, div. A, title II, §202(a), Aug. 6, 2002, 116 Stat. 960.)

#### CONSTRUCTION

Nothing in the amendments made by title II of Pub. L. 107-210, other than provisions relating to COBRA continuation coverage and reporting requirements, to be construed as creating a new mandate on any party regarding health insurance coverage, see section 203(f) of Pub. L. 107-210, set out as a Construction of 2002 Amendment note under section 2918 of Title 29, Labor.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 35, 6050T, 6103 of this title; title 29 section 2918.

### CHAPTER 78—DISCOVERY OF LIABILITY AND ENFORCEMENT OF TITLE

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#### AMENDMENTS

Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834, struck out subchapter C relating to supervision of operations of certain manufacturers.

#### CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in sections 7801, 7811, 7851 of this title.

#### Subchapter A—Examination and Inspection

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[7607.	Repealed.]
7608.	Authority of internal revenue enforcement officers.
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7610.	Fees and costs for witnesses.
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7612.	Special procedures for summonses for computer software.
7613.	Cross references.

#### AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-206, title III, §3413(d), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 754, added items 7612 and 7613 and struck out former item 7612 “Cross references”.

1984—Pub. L. 98-573, title II, §213(b)(2), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 2988, struck out item 7607 “Additional authority for Bureau of Customs”.

Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title X, §1033(c)(2), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1039, added item 7611 and redesignated former item 7611 as 7612.

1976—Pub. L. 94-455, title XII, §1205(b), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1702, substituted “Special procedures for third-party summonses” for “Cross references” in item 7609 and added items 7610 and 7611.

1970—Pub. L. 91-513, title III, §1102(g)(2), Oct. 27, 1970, 84 Stat. 1293, struck out “Bureau of Narcotics and” before “Bureau of Customs” in item 7607.

1958—Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §204(16), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1430, added item 7608 and redesignated former item 7608 as 7609.

<sup>1</sup> Section numbers editorially supplied.

1956—Act July 18, 1956, ch. 629, §104(b), 70 Stat. 570, added item 7607 and redesignated former item 7607 as 7608.

#### SUBCHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This subchapter is referred to in sections 274, 7521 of this title.

### § 7601. Canvass of districts for taxable persons and objects

#### (a) General rule

The Secretary shall, to the extent he deems it practicable, cause officers or employees of the Treasury Department to proceed, from time to time, through each internal revenue district and inquire after and concerning all persons therein who may be liable to pay any internal revenue tax, and all persons owning or having the care and management of any objects with respect to which any tax is imposed.

#### (b) Penalties

**For penalties applicable to forcible obstruction or hindrance of Treasury officers or employees in the performance of their duties, see section 7212.**

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 901; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-455 struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 7609 of this title.

### § 7602. Examination of books and witnesses

#### (a) Authority to summon, etc.

For the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of any return, making a return where none has been made, determining the liability of any person for any internal revenue tax or the liability at law or in equity of any transferee or fiduciary of any person in respect of any internal revenue tax, or collecting any such liability, the Secretary is authorized—

(1) To examine any books, papers, records, or other data which may be relevant or material to such inquiry;

(2) To summon the person liable for tax or required to perform the act, or any officer or employee of such person, or any person having possession, custody, or care of books of account containing entries relating to the business of the person liable for tax or required to perform the act, or any other person the Secretary may deem proper, to appear before the Secretary at a time and place named in the summons and to produce such books, papers, records, or other data, and to give such testimony, under oath, as may be relevant or material to such inquiry; and

(3) To take such testimony of the person concerned, under oath, as may be relevant or material to such inquiry.

#### (b) Purpose may include inquiry into offense

The purposes for which the Secretary may take any action described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (a) include the purpose of inquiring into any offense connected with the ad-